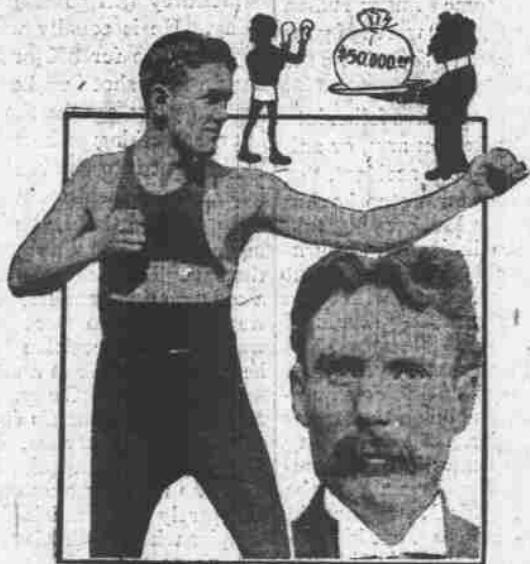


**FIGHT PROMOTER TOOK CHANCES WHEN HE TRIED
TO RENT KILBANE FOR \$25,000 A YEAR**



Johnny Kilbane

Tom McCarey.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 27.—When Fight Promoter Tom McCarey offered Featherweight Champion Johnny Kilbane a salary of \$50,000 for two years work for him, he pulled one of the most unique gambling stunts in the history of the ring.

Of course, Kilbane refused the offer, because he figures he can make more than \$50,000 in the next two years.

But this offer would make the hair of the biggest plunger stand on end. The risk for McCarey, had the offer been accepted, would have been enormous. But had Kilbane accepted and con-

tinued to play in luck, the profits from virtual peonage might have been whopping, when you consider the moving picture dramas in which he was to play the moving part, the vaudeville shows he might be called upon to head and the boxing matches he might engage in.

On the other hand McCarey was taking a long chance. In a week Kilbane might have been defeated and the \$50,000 contract would not have been worth a cancelled postage stamp. Any chance blow in a fight, a slip of the foot or a flash of sunshine in his star's eyes might have